

And we know at least 50 Vietnam veterans are alive in the Northern Marianas today. Some are the indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch people of our islands, who enlisted or were drafted out of Guam or a U.S. state. Some are veterans who later came from America to the Marianas and now call our islands their home.

We know, too, that even if not United States citizens, soldiers from the Northern Mariana Islands served as bravely and honorably as their brothers and sisters in uniform, who were citizens. And we know that all—citizen and noncitizen alike—faced the same painful challenges of returning home from a war whose purpose was difficult to understand and which never resolved in victory.

Yet, despite all their sacrifice and the pain endured, Vietnam veterans—in the Marianas and throughout America—continued to contribute to the peace, security, and prosperity of our nation. They became teachers, entrepreneurs, artists, tradesmen, law enforcement officers, healers, or advocates. They are present throughout the life of our communities.

They also supported each other, mentored younger veterans coming home, and shared their stories with civilians, who may not have otherwise had an understanding or appreciation of military service, or the realities of war. Indeed, it could be said that it is because of the example, leadership, and advocacy of the Vietnam generation of veterans that we, as a nation, do better today at supporting our young men and women in uniform, when they come home from war. But as these Vietnam vets would also remind us: we can do more.

So, upon this 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War let us commit to do more to support America's warriors—in times of conflict, as well as in peace; when they put on the uniform in defense of our nation, and when they come home.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY HOY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Timothy Hoy, a committed Denton County Republican Party activist and tireless defender of conservative principles.

Mr. Hoy passed away the week of October 31st and will be remembered as a committed volunteer and invaluable worker at the state, local and national level.

Mr. Hoy became active in Denton County politics in the late 1980s, first serving as Precinct Chairman. He went on to be an elections judge, campaign manager for Commissioner Ron Marchant and most recently campaigned for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz in Iowa during the 2016 presidential election.

From 2002 through 2010, Mr. Hoy served on the State Republican Executive Committee and received an award for his achievements at the close of nearly eight years spent as an unwavering public servant. He was also named the Denton County Republican Party Volunteer of the Year in 1998 and Precinct Chair of the Year in 2001.

Mr. Hoy is revered as a keen political mind and hard worker who was always ready to fiercely support the candidates and ideals he

believed in. He is remembered as gracious, kind and a friend to all, no matter an election's outcome.

I join several of my fellow Texas elected officials in offering my sincerest condolences to the members of the Denton County Republican Party and all who were inspired and touched by Mr. Hoy. His commitment to furthering conservative ideals and his service to Denton, the state of Texas and our nation will not soon be forgotten.

KATY ATHLETES WIN AT THE AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aileen Lang, Justin Liang and Miyo Fujiwara of Katy, TX for winning 13 medals at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

The three students represented Katy-based Rope Warriors in the jump rope competitions. Aileen scored five gold medals and two bronze medals, including a gold medal in the All-Around competition. Eleven-year-old Justin earned two silver medals, two bronze medals and a fifth-place finish. And Miyo won two gold medals. Rope Warriors is a competitive jump rope team with athletes ranging from 6 to 16 years old.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Aileen Lang, Justin Liang and Miyo Fujiwara for winning 13 medals at the AAU Junior Olympics. We are proud of them and wish them luck in their future jump rope careers.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY "JOY" BUNNING AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2016

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Beverly "Joy" Bunning as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2016. Ms. Bunning was selected for this esteemed honor for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education; I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

In her three years in the Santa Rosa County school district, Ms. Bunning has earned the reputation as an outstanding 2nd grade teacher among her students and peers in the education community. She teaches her students crucial problem solving skills through innovative and creative hands-on learning experiences, and her passion for teaching has helped spark her students' sense of wonder and interest in the world around them. Ms. Bunning's contributions to producing the next generation of active participants in our society cannot be overstated.

Her dedication to her students has earned her local and national recognition. Ms. Bunning was featured in 850 Magazine, "The Business Magazine of Northwest Florida," because of her passion for shaping our Nation's young minds and providing a 21st century learning lab classroom for her students to learn and grow. In addition, her classroom has also been identified as a "Model STEAM Classroom" within the Santa Rosa County community and by the digital learning enhancement service, Discovery Education.

Ms. Bunning is a leader in early childhood education and is to be commended for the solid foundations she has built for her students. One of four STEAM Leaders at her school, she has written and received numerous grants and coordinated training sessions for the X-STEM USA, solidifying Holly-Navarre Primary School's status as a truly innovative school.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Bunning on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2016 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Bunning all the best for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN P. MCGOFF

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Hoosier, Brigadier General John P. McGoff, who retires from the Indiana Air National Guard after thirty-four years of honorable military service.

General McGoff is the Assistant Adjutant General for the Indiana Air National Guard. Among his many responsibilities, he advises the Adjutant General on issues regarding the 122nd Fighter Wing, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air Range Complex, and 207th Weather Flight.

While attending medical school, General McGoff was commissioned into the Medical Service Corps and assigned to the 122nd TAC Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne. He was re-commissioned in the Medical Corps and attended the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course at Brooks AFB in Texas where he earned his wings. He has served in many capacities throughout the Indiana Air National Guard and twice led the 191st Medical Group to the Theodore Marr's Award, the Air National Guard's highest medical award, and the Spaatz trophy, the highest Reserve Component award.

General McGoff served our country in Europe and was the Chief of Emergency Services at the 332nd EMDG, Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He has also served overseas tours in Turkey, Bahrain, Jordan, Antarctica, Germany, Korea, Japan, Guatemala, and Slovakia. General McGoff holds the aeronautical rating of Chief Flight Surgeon and has logged over 600 hours, including 25.6 combat hours in many different military aircraft. He is a graduate of the Air War College and has received numerous military awards and decorations.

Dr. McGoff served the people of Indianapolis and Marion County as County Coroner